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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1959.

The year under review has been uneventful and no matters of grave significance have taken place.

The population now exceeds 11,000, and as will be seen the birth rate is still increasing.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. KIND

Medical Officer of Health

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Area, in acres	2,529	Number of occupied houses	3,654
Rateable value on 1st April 1959	£162,406	Number of houses combined with shops	44
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£694	Number of houses owned by the Council	297
Population (mid 1959)	11,450		

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B I R T H S

D E A T H S

Live Births - - Legitimate :

Male	114
Female	116
Total	230

Illegitimate :

Male	Nil
Female	1
Total	1

Total Live Births

Male	114
Female	117
Total	231

Stillbirths - -

Male	3
Female	1
Total	4

Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population

20.1

Deaths - all causes

Male	45
Female	47
Total	92

Deaths from puerperal causes

Nil

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Male	Nil
Female	3
Total	3

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

Male	Nil
Female	3
Total	3

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population

8.0

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C A U S E S O F D E A T H S

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION								1959		
								M	F	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other		..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
11.	" " Bronchus and Lung	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	-	5
12.	" " Breast	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
13.	" " Uterus	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	8
15.	Leukaemia and aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	12	17
18.	Coronary disease and angina	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	10	26
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
20.	Other heart diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	8
21.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	7
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
TOTAL (all causes)								45	47	92

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION :

During 1959, 196 children under the age of 5 years received primary immunisation against diphtheria. 80 other children received injections to maintain their immunity.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was continued and satisfactory progress was maintained.

B.C.G. vaccination of school leavers was continued. 31 boys and 36 girls accepted it.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1959.

7 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified and 5 additional cases came to live within the district.

At the close of the year 40 cases of pulmonary and 9 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were known to be living in the district.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notified cases of infectious disease other than those already commented upon were as follows : -

Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	22
Measles	68
Food Poisoning	2
Dysentery	4

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. J.G. Davies, Public Health Inspector, for the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area: -

WATER SUPPLY :

Leicester Corporation mains water is piped throughout the district and a total of 3,677 houses with an estimated population of 11,915 have an internal supply.

A further 19 houses have access to this supply and cater for 62 people.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's own works. The houses in the district are served by 4,000 water closets, leaving 7 premises supplied by pail closets. These pails are emptied by our own employees every fortnight.

26 cesspools are in use, 1 having been constructed during the year, whilst 7 were abolished. Cesspools are emptied every two months.

PUBLIC CLEANSING :

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by our own employees and was disposed of by crude tipping, until such time as a new site for a controlled tip could be secured.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	58
Premises concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Defects or nuisances dealt with	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
Total number of Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	888

Nature of Inspections

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drainage works	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	..	..	..	..	..	..	290
Food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	149
Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Slaughterhouse and meat inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	283
Smoke control	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Verminous premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Factories and workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Other inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	98

Notices Issued

	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January 1959		Nil	4
Issued during 1959		Nil	13
Complied with during 1959		Nil	16
Statutory action necessary		Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st December 1959		Nil	1

Regulated Buildings

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

Camping Sites

There are no such sites in this area.

Verminous Premises

Two infested premises came to notice during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

A full time rodent operator is employed. The refuse tip and sewers receive regular treatment, whilst a comprehensive service is offered to the public.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Rag, Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises are involved in the operation of these Acts.

Shop Acts, 1950

No action under Section 38 of this Act was taken during the year.

Swimming Bath

Twenty-five inspections were made and samples of water were taken. These proved to be satisfactory. The filtration and chlorination plant is in continuous use.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

Premises involved in the operation of the Acts	..	..	..	40
Inspections made	..	..	..	16
Defects found	..	..	..	1
Number of Outworkers	..	..	..	25

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Informal notices served	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Informal notices comply with		..	..	..	..	..	1

ICE CREAM

Twelve premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No sampling was carried out during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Only three distributors are registered. One inspection was made and no contravention was found.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS 1949 and
MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949

Licences issued under the above-named Regulations : -

				<u>Dealers</u>		<u>Supplementary</u>
Pasteurised	...	...	...	5	...	5
Sterilised	...	...	...	5	...	5

MILK SAMPLING

No milk sampling was carried out.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Licensed Slaughterhouses in the area	...	...	...	...	3
Animals slaughtered therein	...	...	...	...	2302
Animals examined at time of slaughter	...	...	...	...	2302
Visits made for this purpose	...	...	...	...	255
Number of Meat Stores in the area	...	...	...	...	8
Inspections made	...	...	...	...	8

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF SLAUGHTER

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	284	6	2	1864	146
Number inspected	284	6	2	1864	146
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	44	6	-	6	8
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	15.4	100	-	0.32	5.4
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	8	2	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.8	33.3	-	0.25	-

H O U S I N G

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	74
Number of inspections made for the purpose		144
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		18

CLEARANCE AREAS

Number of unfit houses demolished		21
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REPAIRS

Number of unfit houses made fit -

(i)	after informal action		2
(ii)	after formal action under the Public Health Act		1
(iii)	after formal action under Sections 9 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1957		1

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Two improvement grants under the Housing Act, 1949 were sought. Both applications were allowed at 50% of the approved cost of works.

Six applications were received for standard grants under the House Purchasing and Housing Act, 1959. Two of the properties concerned were improved during the year.

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NEW HOUSES : -

Number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year		64
Local Authority houses completed during the year	..	20
Local Authority houses under construction at the end of the year		1
Private enterprise houses completed during the year		274
Private enterprise houses under construction at the end of the year		193
Total number of post war houses completed by		
(a) Local Authority		250
(b) Private enterprise		1838

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